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The Security Council,

Recalling all its previous relevant resolutions,

Recalling also the General Framework Agreement for Peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the annexes thereto (collectively the Peace Agreement, S/1995/999, annex), and the conclusions of the Peace Implementation Conferences held in Bonn on 9 and 10 December 1997 (S/1997/979, annex), Madrid on 16 and 17 December 1998 (S/1999/139, appendix) and Brussels on 23 and 24 May 2000 (S/2000/586, annex), Declarations by the Steering Board of the Peace Implementation Council on 27 February 2008 and 20 November 2008 as well as the Statement by the Steering Board of the Peace Implementation Council on 13 March 2009,

1. *Welcomes* and agrees to the designation by the Steering Board of the Peace Implementation Council on 13 March 2009 of Mr. Valentin Inzko as High Representative in succession to Mr. Miroslav Lajčák;

2. *Pays tribute* to the efforts of Mr. Miroslav Lajčák in his work as High Representative;

3. *Reaffirms* the importance it attaches to the role of the High Representative in pursuing the implementation of the Peace Agreement and giving guidance to and coordinating the activities of the civilian organizations and agencies involved in assisting the parties to implement the Peace Agreement;

4. *Reaffirms also* the final authority of the High Representative in theatre regarding the interpretation of annex 10 on civilian implementation of the Peace Agreement;

5. *Takes note of* the Declarations of the Steering Board of the Peace Implementation Council of 27 February 2008 and 20 November 2008 regarding fulfilment of the five objectives and two conditions required for a transition from the Office of the High Representative to an Office of the EU Special Representative in Bosnia and Herzegovina;

6. *Decides* to remain seized of the matter.

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